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I am deeply concerned with the proposed settlement regarding Microsoft. It does nothing to effectively deter its current predatory behavior and fails to punish for past offenses.

Microsoft's malfeasance extends back to its earliest days as shown in books such as "Undocumented DOS, 2nd edition" and "Undocumented Windows" by Andrew Schulman et al, Addison-Wesley where Schulman describes how Microsoft deliberately introduced code designed to break competitors products. The same pattern of behavior continues in its products today, fueled by a marketing machine that spews Fear, Uncertainty and Doubt (FUD) about competitors designed to intimidate those attempting to use alternative products.

I am extensively involved with the software industry and am intimately familiar with many of its products. I have a Masters Degree in Software Engineering enabling me to understand the complex technical issues involved. I have been employed as an Information Systems Manager for many years, suffering the effects of Microsoft's stifling of effective competition.

I am also on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Computer Society <<http://www.sdcs.org>>, representing over 1000 regular and Special Interest Group (SIG) members. Every meeting I attend brings up a recurring question: "What has Microsoft done to me today?"

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